North Central Regional Transit District
Board Meeting
Friday, December 2, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular monthly meeting of the North Central Regional Transit District Board was called to order on the above date by Chair Rosemary Romero at 1:13 p.m. at the Buffalo Thunder Resort, Pojoaque, New Mexico.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Moment of Silence**

3. **Roll Call**

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:	Elected Members	Alternate Designees
Los Alamos County	Councilor Michael Wismer	
Taos County	Commissioner Dan Barrone	Mr. Jacob Caldwell
Santa Fé County	Commissioner Robert Anaya	Commissioner Danny Mayfield
Rio Arriba County	Commissioner Barney Trujillo	
Ohkay Owingeh	Rob Lieb	
Pojoaque Pueblo	Mr. Tim Vigil	
San Ildefonso Pueblo	Councilman Raymond Martínez [T]	
Santa Clara Pueblo		Ms. Mary Lou Quintana
Tesuque Pueblo		

City of Santa Fé	Councilor Rosemary Romero	Mr. Jon Bulthuis
City of Española	Councilor Robert J. Seeds	
Members Absent:	**Elected Members**	**Alternate Designees**
Los Alamos County		Ms. Anne Laurent
Taos County		
Rio Arriba County		Mr. Tomás Campos
Santa Fé County		
Pojoaque Pueblo		Councilman Cameron Martínez
San Ildefonso Pueblo		Ms. Sandra Maes
Ohkay Owingeh	1st Lt. Gov. Virgil Cata	
Santa Clara Pueblo	Sheriff John Shije	
Tesuque Pueblo	Governor Charles Dorame	Mr. Sammy Romero
City of Santa Fé		
City of Española		Councilor Helen Kane-Salazar

Staff Members Present
Ms. Cynthia Halfar, Executive Assistant
Ms. Kelly Muniz, Financial Director
Mr. Tony Mortillaro, Executive Director
Mr. Jack Valencia, Transit Project Manager
Mr. Peter Dwyer, Counsel for NCRTD

Others Present
Mr. Greg White, NMDOT
Mr. Bob Sarr, Santa Fé
Governor Mirabal, Nambé Pueblo
Ms. Linda Woods, Nambé Pueblo
Mr. Mitch Davenport, Facilities Manager
Mr. Andrew Jandáček, Santa Fé County
Ms. Judith Amer, City of Santa Fé

4. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Barrone seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. **Approval of Minutes for November 4, 2011**

Mr. Mortillaro asked for a correction on page 4, item C where it should said the Executive Director was authorized to spend up to $100,000 not $1,000.

Councilor Wismer moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2011 as amended. Commissioner Anaya seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

7. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

A. Presentation to Honor Board Director and NCRTD Secretary/Treasurer, Michael Wismer

Chair Romero identified this as a big transition meeting. She presented a plaque and a gift to Councilor Wismer. He was not retiring but transitioning. She read the inscription on the plaque.

Commissioner Anaya felt no member was more important than another but Los Alamos had been especially supportive in contributions to the NCRTD.

Councilor Seeds thanked him for his professionalism and for being one of the moving forces to see that the support was done.

Commissioner Trujillo echoed his remarks and appreciated the way he conducted himself and taught others a few things as well.

Chair Romero thanked him for his gift of polity.

Councilor Wismer said he stepped in for his great colleague Jim West when he became ill. He thanked individual staff and board members - Mr. Valencia, Commissioner Trujillo, Councilor Seeds, Ms. Quintana, Mr. Caldwell, Commissioner Anaya, Commissioner Mayfield, Mr. Vigil, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Mortillaro and Chair Romero and spoke of their individual contributions.

B. Presentation of Recognition and Appreciation for Retiring NCRTD Staff member Jack Valencia

Chair Romero acknowledged Mr. Valencia's service to the Board upon his retirement at the end of December. Mr. Mortillaro read the inscription from the plaque that listed his accomplishments with NCRTD and spoke of Mr. Valencia's work on behalf of the region.

Mr. Valencia thanked the Board members and staff for helping him do his job.

Commissioner Anaya and Commissioner Trujillo gave kudos to Mr. Valencia.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL/DISCUSSION:

C. Approval of Resolution 2011-14: Open Meetings Act for 2012

Mr. Mortillaro said the Board adopts this annually and it sets the dates for regular meetings and how they conduct the meetings according to the Open Meetings Act. The only change was on April 6th which was Good Friday; otherwise it was first Friday of each month.

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Trujillo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. Approval of Resolution 2011-15: Resolution for the Renewal of Free Fares for 2012

Mr. Mortillaro asked Linda Trujillo to discuss this resolution. This was a renewal of the original resolution from 2008.

Ms. Trujillo called attention to the costs associated with using fare boxes and the benefits of continuing free fares instead of instituting fares for riding the buses.

Mr. Mortillaro shared the recent research on free fares for transit agencies. Thirty nine agencies around the country didn't charge - most were in small or rural communities - also universities. They found the biggest benefit was that it increased rider ship significantly. He felt that was very important.

The drivers get well acquainted with their passengers and indicated they would lose some if fares were started.

Mr. Boaz asked for a date correction from Dec 31 2013 to Dec 31 2012.

Chair Romero said the full report on fares was about 100 pages. There was a shorter version that was relevant to the work here.

Commissioner Anaya distributed a memo he wrote this morning. He said former Commissioner Sullivan had approached him about charging fares. He asked what the total estimated costs to just handle the money would be.

Mr. Mortillaro said it would cost $38,000 for installing fare boxes and another $37,000 to administer them. So $80,000 initially and roughly $40,000 thereafter.

Commissioner Anaya said it was the feeling of some that a more formalized method of tracking could be done better with a fare system. He asked if there was any other way to track the riders. When you charge a fare it was much easier to use.

Mr. Mortillaro said he rode one of the most modern transit systems in Europe not long ago and purchased an electronic ticket and watched others do the same. He saw people get on the bus without putting in any fare and the driver was busy and couldn't call them on it.

Mr. Bulthuis said with the size of the system and operation the manual tally was the most common across the country. Those fare boxes would not have a way to track occupancy but just revenue. These were not the validating fare boxes that the larger systems had and which were much more expensive.

Commissioner Anaya thought they should always analyze the resolution to dispel concerns about this way of doing business. This memo was written with the article in the Taos News that said how expensive the rider trips were.

Commissioner Anaya read his memo [attached as Exhibit A]. He acknowledged that the article could be written out of context. He acknowledged that they had to look at more than just the money. He fully supported the resolution.

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Barrone seconded the motion.

Commissioner Barrone said if the NCRTD approved this they were taxing them with federal and local taxes.

Councilor Seeds agreed with Commissioner Barrone.

Chair Romero said they would have another look

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Seeds suggested having a workshop ahead of this resolution next year. Chair Romero agreed to that directive.

Commissioner Anaya thought the workshop could be done at any time and the Board could consider changing the resolution at any time.

Councilor Seeds wanted to make sure they would do all they could to consider the taxpayers.

E. Approval of Resolution 2011-16: Requesting the Rio Metro Regional Transit District to Provide a

Board Seat to the North Central Regional Transit District

Mr. Mortillaro participated on the Rail Runner Finance Task Force and there was some discussion about seeing if NCRTD could get a seat on their board. They had an agreement and forwarded 50% of the Santa Fé portion of the NCRTD GRT to them for the Rail Runner. They indicated it would need a resolution.

He looked at the bylaws of Rio Metro. Theirs was quite a bit like ours and it would be a challenge to allow us to have a seat.

He was not sure of the politics among their members. This resolution makes a request for a seat but we might want to consider an ex officio seat. That wouldn't provide NCRTD with a vote but would officially recognize NCRTD as a member on their board. He thought it was a good idea.

The MPO also sent a letter requesting a seat for Santa Fé City and Santa Fé County. The MPO staff had not received a response to their request.

Rio Metro decisions did have an impact on Santa Fé so that was why it was an important consideration.

Chair Romero reported the City of Santa Fé had a meeting with Santa Fé County folks and Rio Metro folks back in the fall. Mayor Coss also requested a seat at the Rio Metro Board. The Mayor would defer to the RTD. He understood the dynamics of changing by-laws and IGAs would be very complex and challenging. So the City was amenable. They were a member of the MPO.

Councilor Wismer asked who was on that board now.

Mr. Mortillaro said it was representatives of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County as well as Sandoval County

Councilor Wismer asked what Mr. Mortillaro's role was there now/

Mr. Mortillaro clarified that he was on the Rail Runner Task Force for finances. They indicated they were having financial troubles and there were suggestions by Santa Fé County and representatives and they were forwarded to the Task Force. They now had a Governor's representative, a NMDOT representative and himself.

They came up with recommendations and one of the short-term ones was to approach the NCRTD for more money. So his preference was to have a vote. But it might be simpler to get an ex officio seat as a camel nose under the tent to get involved.

Councilor Wismer surmised it came down to at least being ex officio or to push for being a voting member. Mr. Mortillaro agreed.

Mr. Vigil wondered if the two could be tied together and Rio Metro be asked to grant voting privilege after two years. Then if they accepted the proposal after two years it would be automatic.

Mr. Mortillaro didn't know because the district was a geographic area. He questioned if they could put a district within a district or include Santa Fé County and put them into two taxing entities.

Mr. Dwyer noted later on the agenda was an item on considering other members. Other people were interested. Rio Metro had their own legal counsel and was free to disagree. The district boundaries were important for imposing taxes. The statute didn't do a good job about adding and subtracting members - not well written. Weighted voting was not addressed in the statute. They could give us one vote but not become a member of their district. So he thought it was possible but their legal counsel could disagree.

Commissioner Anaya said board members sat on various boards - RPOs or MPOs. They were going to be asked to sit on Mid Region RPO. Our one vote would not impact their decisions among those counties and cities so he would agree that they might not end up with a board seat but should still support the resolution. They were not unreasonable people. If it turned out to be ex-officio, so be it. He didn't think they would have a strong objection to us sitting at the table.

Chair Romero noted that they decided to reduce weekend service without talking with us. The NCRTD had to have some kind of representation. She wanted their whole board to understand the impact to our region when they take away weekend service. They made a decision and we have to have representation. She was hearing to seek full membership. Commissioner Anaya agreed.

Mr. Bob Sarr said he had followed the Rail Runner for a long time and strongly supported this resolution. The NCRTD definitely deserved to have a vote.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Trujillo asked to hear Mr. Valencia's comment.

Mr. Valencia explained that originally when the decision was made it was to not be a voting member because of the insurance implications - that there could be a greater risk on our insurance costs because of greater liability exposure.

Mr. Mortillaro agreed that was an issue they discussed. A couple of weeks ago he and Mr. Dwyer met with the Municipal League and from their comments he no longer had that concern. Having a seat didn't change that.

Mr. Valencia apologized and was unaware of that conversation.

F. Discussion of New Membership Interests, Direction and Possible Board Actions

Mr. Mortillaro met with Nambé Pueblo about their interests in membership and with Commissioner Mayfield would meet with Governor Mirabal and the administrator Ms. Woods.

So he brought it forward for consideration. Also the Village of Chama was included in the minutes from

2010 about that. It had a list of questions to ask the Village and once answers were received could consider them for membership.

Staff wanted direction for how to handle requests for membership with a standard list of questions and could bring them to the next board meeting.

He asked Mr. Dwyer to talk about the lack of clarity in the bylaws.

Mr. Dwyer said a memo from two years ago was in the packet. It was based on a possible request to withdraw from membership. The key in the statutes was to look at geographic area as a taxing entity - through counties and not municipalities or pueblos. The statute didn't do a good job about how to do it.

The board amended the bylaws to add Taos County so it could be done. It required a 2/3 majority vote after a public notice and then take the IGA and get it re-executed by the counties. It took a long time last time. Then a new resolution on weighted voting would be needed. He didn't know how that was done but thought it was by subtracting populations of municipalities and pueblos in that county who were members.

Commissioner Anaya felt the broader the perspective, the better - so more members were better. So he would gladly help with Nambé Pueblo.

Councilor Seeds agreed. The RTD had a challenge ahead and needed to encourage other communities to partner with us and work out the voting. We got it done in the first place and need to improve on it. We'll need them to support this transit system soon.

Councilor Wismer supported those comments. He asked why they couldn't use the criteria in the by-laws. Ten items were listed but he thought they could use 3-4 of them - by-laws and IGA. A public hearing and then a vote - he asked if they could use that.

Mr. Dwyer agreed. The statute requirements were minimal. They worked on more details but they never got approved. So they would have a public meeting and then those seeking membership would indicate if they wanted to be members and then a 2/3 majority of votes and weighted votes and issue a revised IGA and everyone would have to support the agreement.

Councilor Wismer supported that.

Commissioner Mayfield asked Mr. Dwyer if they had to redo the weighted voting since the new census was completed.

Mr. Bulthuis didn't recall that was part of the original by-laws but it did make sense to do that.

Mr. Dwyer agreed it would make sense. The weighted voting was a resolution but not part of IGA or by-laws.

With a small member like Nambé and Chama, given their small size, would probably just get one vote. The core of the taxation scheme was that people in the area should have a say.

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve Nambé Pueblo and the Village of Chama as voting members.

Mr. Mortillaro conditioned it on doing these four things -

Commissioner Anaya asked about Edgewood whom the RTD already served.

Governor Mirabal was invited to speak and thanked the Board for that. His main concern was that Nambé was over 1.25 miles from the regular route and 2 miles to the pueblo offices. For now, he asked if it was possible to extend a route or stop at 101. That would be helpful.

Mr. Mortillaro said after they met with the Governor, he had staff look at it and found they could add a stop at 101 and could eliminate a couple of others so they would be putting that on a new schedule to start soon.

Mr. Vigil clarified that although minutes were part of public record, the tribal council minutes would not be made public but the Board would get a tribal resolution requesting membership in NCRTD. Under item 7 for turning over grants that entities might be getting, those grants were specific to the tribe for transportation so they probably would not be able to do that. Something about that would need to be written.

Mr. Mortillaro said Mr. Vigil was right and the rewritten tribal policy addressed that. Unfortunately the statute didn't include the tribal perspectives. He thanked Mr. Vigil for clarifying that.

Chair Romero suggested they could change that to add tribal process.

Mr. Dwyer clarified that there needed to be an open meeting for taxation purposes but our entities were already taxed. The statute was just poorly written.

Commissioner Anaya asked if he could finish his motion. Commissioner Anaya moved to approve Nambé Pueblo and the Village of Chama as voting members and to use the streamlined process and not compromise tribal sovereignty in any way. He added Picuris Pueblo, Edgewood and then made a substitute motion.

Councilor Anaya moved to send a letter to any eligible entity in the region through the streamlined process. Councilor Seeds seconded the motion.

Chair Romero said people did believe that if their entity joined the RTD they would get services but there was not extra money for that so she asked for a friendly amendment to have a resolution asking the county commissions to have a public meeting to consider whether these communities should be included with the understanding that the RTD had limited resources and people already had representation on the board through the County.

As a matter of record, the Town of Taos also asked for membership. We need to look at the Service Plan as a whole. Efficient services could help Nambé so there were ways to address it.

Commissioner Anaya didn't accept that as a friendly amendment. He would continue to advocate for membership expansion.

Councilor Wismer supported the motion but had a concern for pueblos that might want to apply under these provisions for pueblos - or in a case of a tribal government "as appropriate."

Mr. Dwyer thought that might be the way to go but they could not change the statute which required minutes of a public meeting. To the extent we didn't follow it that would not be legal.

Commissioner Anaya couldn't think of one legislator who wouldn't change the statute. **He accepted Councilor Wismer's friendly amendment to add "as appropriate."**

Mr. Dwyer said okay but was putting the Board on notice that he did notify the Board of the potential difficulty. He suggested the wording be, "or as appropriate from tribal entities."

Mr. Vigil didn't want to step on anyone's toes but there were plenty of statutes out there that wouldn't be followed on tribal grounds.

Mr. Dwyer agreed. It was just not well written and didn't contemplate this.

Mr. Vigil didn't think anyone would have a problem with it but if there was a question, they could contact state legislators.

Ms. Amer asked if tribes ever did public hearings.

Mr. Vigil said the invited guests would be asked to leave after discussion for a vote to be taken so it was not public per se. Each tribe was completely different - who sits on the council, who had a vote - it was just the way things were.

Mr. Dwyer added that the public meeting did not need to be part of a tribal council meeting. Maybe the Board could do that for the applicants. First they would need to check with them to see if that was okay.

Councilor Wismer said his amendment was to clarify that in the case of a tribal government to use an equivalent process.

Chair Romero said on page 2 they had 4 things and were trying to add to #3 to request instead of minutes of a public hearing an equivalent process. If they left #2 alone and ask for the changes to be on #3 it would be okay.

Commissioner Anaya thought having both was okay.

Commissioner Anaya said they dealt with the tribal governments regularly. He respected our legal counsel and was ready to vote.

Councilor Wismer summarized that they had a motion on the floor. He made a friendly amendment

which was accepted and also from #3 from Chair Romero so there were two friendly amendments.

Commissioner Anaya asked, once they were members, if he saw any problem with the balance of those things.

Mr. Mortillaro saw no problem.

Commissioner Anaya said it was then to talk with any entity in the region. Councilor Seeds was accepting the friendly amendments.

Mr. Caldwell believed the result would be a letter to tribes and municipalities in the region and thought when they received it they would consider themselves invited to be members. And then at a subsequent hearing of this Board, he thought they should develop the criteria and let those who were interested know about weighted voting as it stands today. But he asked if this passed if any entity that complied with the criteria would become a member.

Mr. Dwyer said it required a 2/3 majority vote of this board for that to happen.

Commissioner Anaya agreed. They would express interest or not and staff would report back those that were interested and the Board would have a public meeting with a 2/3 vote required.

Mr. Caldwell cautioned that the Board had to have the criteria for their membership and their understating of weighted votes. If that was done, he was fine with that. But until they established the criteria and how to process the requests there might be a delay.

Commissioner Anaya understood that. The letter needed to be clear that they were writing a letter to express interest in being a member of the board and then the Board would proceed through the rest of the process.

Mr. Caldwell thought should be tribes, pueblos and incorporated municipalities.

Mr. Dwyer said there was a list of eligible entities who could be members. They could sort it out at that time whether they qualified under the statute. The list was in the preamble of the statute.

Commissioner Anaya clarified that membership wasn't guaranteed. That needed to be clear in the letter.

Councilor Seeds proposed that staff should draft a letter and the Board approve it at the January meeting after review.

Ms. Amer thought they should deal with Nambé now.

Commissioner Anaya said if they opened the door partway it should be opened all the way. Everyone should be given the same opportunity. He reminded them that Cochiti was in his district and part of Santo Domingo - and they were sitting on the Rio Metro Board now and the train goes through their pueblo. So

there were other benefits. So he was okay in sending the letter to those eligible by the statute list.

Ms. Amer cautioned about avoiding a rolling quorum in the emailed responses. The members should only reply to Mr. Mortillaro to avoid that.

Commissioner Anaya summarized the motion.

The motion passed by majority roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Rio Arriba County, Taos County, Santa Fé County, Pojoaque Pueblo, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Santa Clara Pueblo and City of Española voting in the affirmative and the City of Santa Fé voting against (because of lack of clarity).

Ms. Woods said they were confused. The reason they were here was because they were invited. She was from Tesuque but worked for Nambé. They just wanted to have the same services their fellow pueblos were receiving. Their job was to provide services to their people.

Chair Romero invited her to attend the Tribal subcommittee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

G. Update of the Jim West Regional Transit Center

Mr. Mitch Davenport reported that the building was doing well and close to being done but was not ready to be occupied because of the soil problem. They were now investigating two alternatives - one was a chemical ionization treatment to the soil and an engineer was working on it. It was a quarter of the price so they were looking into it. While it had been used extensive in the rest of the world it had hardly been looked at all in the US.

The other alternative was concrete. That would be a great surface for the parking lot but very expensive.

We could always go back to the original design but it was not likely to work. The area was notorious for bad asphalt work. That was where it stands.

Commissioner Trujillo was bewildered because when he looked at asphalt parking lots around there they seemed to be okay. They set the contract up and wanted to hold the company accountable without change orders and this was a major change order. He saw most businesses around there with pretty good parking lots - Lowes, Chili's WalMart. He was just frustrated.

Chair Romero agreed.

Commissioner Trujillo asked who knew what would happen with putting the chemical into that soil.

Mr. Davenport said the claims were no environmental problem in that process. He did think they could

have a parking lot like Lowes. But the guy who built that one thought it would fail.

We could do what everyone else did in that area but he wanted the Board to understand that it could fail in a short amount of time.

Councilor Seeds felt that whatever happened in the next few years, the NCRTD would get blamed for putting chemicals in the ground.

Mr. Davenport had hoped to have the estimates before this meeting but couldn't.

Councilor Seeds said it was just a high water table and having it float with the water would be best.

Mr. Davenport said their civil engineer was working on a concrete plan and another engineer was working on the ionization process. Nothing would be done without the Board's approval.

Councilor Seeds asked how much longer it would be to occupy it.

Mr. Davenport said it could be occupied by December 26.

Councilor Seeds asked what the Board needed to do.

Mr. Davenport said if the Board wanted to pay for concrete, we could start tomorrow. He shared concerns with Commissioner Trujillo that their estimate was not reasonable.

Mr. Mortillaro said it was $500,000 to $600,000.

Chair Romero said they wanted really very good numbers.

Mr. Davenport said the ionization numbers were fabulous but he needed to first know if it would work. Also he had never seen concrete for this size parking lot. Time was money and they were in the middle of winter so he could not say.

Mr. Vigil asked what kind of guarantee we would get on this from the contractor.

Mr. Davenport said it was one year with the State of New Mexico price agreement. That was why he was trying to do a risk assessment on this. If we spend that kind of money and think it could fail in five years - that's crazy. But if we find a product that performs the way ionization works, they claim 15 years in other parts of the world. It was worth our time to look into it.

Commissioner Mayfield suggested moving into it in December by throwing some base course on the parking area so it could be used.

Mr. Davenport thought the City of Española would cooperate to get us a certificate of occupancy. Normally landscaping and curb and gutter would have to be in place and they wouldn't have those things. It was an option and he had discussed it with the city.

Ms. Amer read the article in the Rio Grande Sun about the geological evaluation - Apparently the problem was known and yet was approved. She asked if that was the architect who did that.

Mr. Davenport said the article was very misleading. He was quoted several times with things he didn't say. He explained the process. Weston did borings on the site as a sample of what the soil was and made recommendations based on what the RTD wanted to do on it - drive buses on it. The soils report went to architect and civil engineer.

They recognized in the soils report that there was a high water table and it was important that these soils didn't get wet.

Councilor Wismer excused himself from the meeting at this time.

Mr. Davenport said when they stripped off the asphalt they sank down in mud. The design team designed it based on the soils report. So it was hard to say it was their fault. Looking back it would have been better to not take off all of the asphalt but that was a typical process. He didn't think he could say it was the architect's fault. The aim was still to open the building in February. Mr. Mortillaro agreed.

Mr. Mortillaro said if they could not do it with funds available, he would come back.

Commissioner Trujillo hoped they could get this done before the winter got worse.

H. Financial Report:

- **Regional Transit GRT**
- **Combined P-L Format**
- **Status of the FY 2011 Audit**

Ms. Muniz had worked very hard over the last year to get our finances in order. She briefly reviewed the GRT report and summarized that they were on track. They were one third through the fiscal year and were falling right where they should be on most line items. She noted she was still processing October invoices. Overall, the expenses were about 28% of budget.

This morning she got confirmation that the audit was submitted by the 30th so they met the deadline.

Chair Romero congratulated her for the achievement.

Commissioner Anaya asked if she just got the agency to be point where they didn't have all those concerns. Ms. Muniz agreed.

I. Finance/Regional Coordination & Consolidation Subcommittee Report

Mr. Caldwell said they had a discussion last time on two items. Now he was delighted that he would get a replacement as chair of Finance Comm.

J. Executive Report for November 2011 and Comments from the Executive Director

- **Request for Submittal of Letter to Los Alamos County Regarding the Progress Through Partnering Program**

Mr. Mortillaro said the Executive Report was in the packet.

He said the Los Alamos County Council would discuss the Progress through Partnering Program. They have $1.5 million for a regional project. He spoke with the chair and staff and they suggested we send a letter to renew that funding for the NCRTD. What he was requesting was authorization to send it.

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the request. Commissioner Barrone seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Barrone asked if anyone would be there to speak to it.

Mr. Mortillaro said he would find out what they needed to do. There were other things that were funded and he didn't know how much they might award the NCRTD. We want them to renew the five year agreements that provided for a five year program.

Chair Romero asked him to email the letter to all board members. Mr. Mortillaro agreed.

Mr. Mortillaro said a gentleman from Ojo Caliente asked for a change in the route stop in their community and to let you know, Ms. Trujillo was able to add that stop.

Ms. Trujillo said he even offered to put up a sign for us. We were out of route stop signs.

Chair Romero appreciated her work and his contribution.

Mr. Mortillaro said they were not done with audits. The NMDOT Inspector General wanted to audit their pass-through federal funds that come to the District. Ms. Muniz was working with them on the audit. The FTA come February would also audit the district. So it was 5 audits in one year. And that was okay because it would put a line between what was past and what was going forward.

MATTERS FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN

- **Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer**

Chair Romero asked, with Councilor Wismer leaving the RTD, if the Board could postpone this matter until January when Councilor Geoff Rodgers would be present. The Board agreed.

- **Appointments for Chairpersons of the Tribal and Finance Subcommittees**

Chair Romero asked Tim Vigil to chair the Finance and Tesuque Pueblo to chair the Tribal Subcommittee. She thought Gov. Dorame would ask Sam Romero to do that.

She thanked Mr. Vigil for doing this. With his expertise and experience with Pojoaque he would do well.

MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

Commissioner Anaya suggested it wouldn't hurt to have multiple board members go to the audit exits. It was the chair's prerogative.

Chair Romero said she did invite the officers and would invite all board members so they could get further input.

Commissioner Mayfield thanked Mr. Mortillaro and staff for cleaning the shelters. He saw the article.

Councilor Seeds pointed out that the discussion on the parking lot had no decision.

Chair Romero said only a budget change request would bring it for a vote by the Board.

Mr. Mortillaro said if the option was within the budget we would move forward and if it was not, he would bring it to the Board.

Mr. Mortillaro and Chair Romero wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

MISCELLANEOUS

There were no miscellaneous items.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 6, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved by:

Rosemary Romero

Rosemary Romero, Chair

Attest:

Michael Wismer

Michael Wismer, Secretary

Submitted by:

Carl Boaz

Carl Boaz, Stenographer